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**TO : ALL GRAND LINE OFFICERS, DDGMs, DGLs, GLIs,
MASTERS, WARDENS AND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES OF THIS JURISDICTION**

SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF VW RODIL L. MILLADO

WHEREAS, on 14 February 2018, the office of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, through the Office of the Grand Secretary, received a letter- complaint dated 13 February 2018 filed by VW Felix D. Mendoza, a member of Solidarity Masonic Lodge No. 421 against its Worshipful Master, VW Rodil L. Millado also of the same lodge;

WHEREAS, the antecedent facts according to the Complaint are as follows:

"During the stated meeting of the Lodge on December 26, 2017, seven (7) petitioners were balloted but were unfavorably found by the members with some of them receiving more than 2 black cubes. Right after the said exercise, there was a motion that was seconded and approved that all the said petitioners be dropped from its roll and released so that they may apply elsewhere or reapply if they so desire".

During the stated meeting of the Lodge on January 23, 2018, the minutes of the previous meeting was not read by the Secretary upon the instruction of VW Millado. I raised the irregularity of said procedure but VW Millado brushed off my protest despite what our Masonic Constitution as well as the By-Laws of the Lodge requires. Just to preserve the harmony in the Lodge, I just request the Lodge Secretary to note my protest in the records.

Accordingly, the meeting proceeded with VW Millado presiding the same. He thereafter made known to the members that he is

"By your Grip, we are here to serve, and not be served even beyond the Cabletow."

dropping from the roll one of our petitioner, Mr. Harold Bautista, who was favorably balloted in May, 2017. When I made an inquiry as to why Mr. Bautista is being dropped from the roll, VW Millado lamely said that the latter did not approach him and had him scheduled for conferral of the First Degree. He likewise said that there were brethren who confided to him and requested that Mr. Bautista's petition be blocked. Knowing the irregularity of said act, VW Gerard A. Ceballos, in his capacity as the District Grand Master of Masonic District NCR-F attempted to have a say on the matter but he was brusquely put off by VW Millado in a very disrespectful manner unbefitting a representative of this Grand Lodge. Truth is Mr. Bautista was dropped from the roll because of his refusal to file an unmasonic complaint against me despite the pressure exerted to him by the faction allied with VW Millado.

Not contented with this highly tyrannical act, VW Millado made a motion that the balloting held during the December 2017 stated meeting, be declared null and void for the reason that the charges were allegedly violated, he answered that a person who casts a black cube should not do so on reasons of pretty spite and quarrel. When VW Ceballos told him that said excuse cannot be used to invalidate the balloting already made, VW Millado again in a very disrespectful way cut off VW Ceballos from talking and even castigated him in not respecting his gavel. He thereafter made unfounded allusion and accusation that I was the one who casts the black cube despite the fact that these petitioners received more than 2 black cubes.

Over the objection of the undersigned, VW Millado divided the house and after receiving, a majority vote, he moved that the balloting done during the December 2017 be declared null and void. Thereafter, VW Millado moved that the fact of balloting be expunged from the records which were objected to by the undersigned considering, the irregularity of the same as it partakes of hiding to this Grand Lodge what transpired during the December 2017 stated meeting. Again, VW Millado moved for the division of the house and after obtaining a majority vote, he expunged from the records the fact of balloting done during the December 2017 stated meeting.

Worst, VW Millado read aloud several complain letters from members of the Lodge against the undersigned which is again a direct violation of our Masonic Constitution since there are still no formal charges against me. He likewise demanded that I answer those charges point by point under a subterfuge that the same is part of the "pre-trial" proceedings. I objected on the ground that there is yet no formal charge and even requested that I be provided a sworn-affidavit of the complaints duly filed before the Grand Lodge, so I can answer

the same in the same venue am being a Past Master and thus, the jurisdiction over me belongs to the Grand Lodge. Sensing that the meeting is now becoming chaotic and afraid that the harmony will be lost, VW Ceballos "whisper good counsel" to VW Millado that his demeanor is causing further disharmony but he again, in a very disrespectful manner, told VW Ceballos to stop talking. He likewise admitted in open lodge that he has no proficiency in the Third Degree of Masonry and further boasted that he is no longer required to have the same being already a Past Master."

*It was only during the dignitaries' hour that VW Millado allowed VW Ceballos to say his piece on the matter just concluded where the latter told the members of the Lodge that since VW Millado prevented him from talking, he has no choice but to report what transpired to the Grand Lodge. He pointed out that the so-called "pre-trial" conducted by VW Millado relative to the alleged complaints against the undersigned is "procedurally incorrect" as the proper course of action, as per our Masonic Constitution, is to give me copy of the complaint which I can answer at a later date."*¹

WHEREAS, VW Millado was charged with unmasonic conduct in consequence of his alleged abuse of power and authority, wanton and dictatorial deeds as Worshipful Master due to the following actions:

1. *By unjustifiably and sweepingly declaring null and void and thereafter expunging from the minutes of the said meeting the balloting held on December 26, 2017;*
2. *By accusing, in open lodge, the complainant of casting an unfavorable ballot against several petitioners thereby violating the prohibition embodied in our masonic law;*
3. *By unjustifiably dropping Mr. Harold Bautista from the roll as lawful petitioner despite the fact that said Mr. Bautista was favorably balloted in May 2017 thus allowing him to receive the degrees of Freemasonry;*
4. *By compelling the Complainant to answer charges not formally filed and submitted before the proper authorities;*
5. *By disrespecting VW Gerald Ceballos, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District NCR-F;*
6. *By misrepresenting that he is proficient in the Third Degree of masonry when in fact, by his own admission, he is not.*

WHEREAS, on 28 February 2018, a Supplemental Complaint was submitted to

¹ Letter-Complaint dated February 13, 2018, VW Felix D. Mendoza

the Grand Lodge of the Philippines by VW Mendoza expanding Complainant's accusation as follows:

1. *The minutes of the meeting held on February 19, 2018 did not reflect what actually transpired in the meeting of January 23, 2018, particularly:*
 - 1.1. *The fact of invalidation of the balloting of the petitioners;*
 - 1.2. *Making it appear that a clarificatory hearing ensued and not an inquisitorial proceeding;*
2. *Expelling the Complainant from the lodge without affording him due process;*
3. *Belatedly taking the third degree proficiency in a lodge of which he is merely a dual member knowing fully well that the same is an essential requirement before one is elected as master and/or appointed as a Grand Lodge officer;*

In addition, thereto, the Complainant charges VW Antonio Delfin Sumabat and Bro. Diosdado Viardo for conspiring and confederating with the Respondent in illegally declaring the expulsion of the Complainant.

WHEREAS, on 05 March 2018, the Grand Master issued summons addressed to VW Millado requiring him to submit his written Answer/Position Paper to the Complaint for un-masonic conduct within a period of ten (10) days from receipt;

WHEREAS, VW Millado submitted two (2) responsive letters to the Complaint on 26 March 2018 and 06 April 2018 interposing his defenses against the Complaint for his alleged lack of proficiency in the Third Degree and alleged abuse of power and authority and wanton and dictatorial deeds as Worshipful Master, respectively;

WHEREAS, the Answers submitted by MW Millado contain the following assertions:

He denies that he arbitrarily nullified the unfavorable balloting of several petitioners of their lodge. The truth of the matter according to him is that he exerted efforts to have the petitioners favorably voted upon, but it was VW Mendoza who made attempts to reject the petitioners as he was allegedly repeatedly heard saying, “wala akong palulusutin sa mga anak nila.” As he deemed the same as masonic offense on the part VW Mendoza, he submitted the matter to the brethren in the stated meeting of January to remedy the situation. He invokes the legislative power of the lodge over its internal affairs particularly alleging that a lodge could invalidate a balloting based on a violation of the charge given by every Worshipful Master before every balloting. The matter was brought to the floor for votation by the brethren. The brethren then decided to nullify the balloting.

Anent the accusation that VW Millado unjustifiably nullified the favorable balloting of Mr. Harold Bautista, he asseverates that after the balloting of Mr. Bautista, he received complaints against him. His conferral was deferred. During the January stated meeting, Mr. Bautista's petition was "rejected".

With regard to VW Mendoza's accusation that he was subjected to an "inquisitorial" proceeding during the January meeting, VW Millado denies conducting such and instead interposes the defense that it is within his power to issue summons and ask clarificatory questions to VW Mendoza concerning several complaints of alleged unmasonic acts, which VW Millado enumerated in his Answer. VW Millado vehemently objects to the accusation that he was the one who expelled VW Mendoza from the lodge. He says that the expulsion was because of a motion duly made and seconded by the brethren. This act, he avers, was in pursuance of the inherent power of a lodge to discipline its members. VW Mendoza was afforded due process before the supreme penalty of expulsion was meted on him during the stated meeting of the lodge in February 2018. To conclude, VW Millado claims that the allegations in the complaint were irrelevant, imaginary, unsupported, self-serving, misleading and inconclusive. He accuses VW Mendoza of harboring ill-will and ill-motive against him.

WHEREAS, the District Deputy Grand Masters (DDGM) speak in behalf of the Grand Master's name, with his authority, and are the Grand Master's alter ego, his personal agent or representative in the District in which he is appointed;

WHEREAS, one of the duties of a DDGM is to report to the Grand Master an account of the work of each lodge in his district, of his official acts and of the general state of Masonry in the District;²

WHEREAS, pursuant to the said duties, VW Gerard A. Ceballos, District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM), of MD NCR-F submitted an Incident Report to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, through the Office of the Grand Secretary;

WHEREAS, Section 1 Article IX The Grand Master, Part I Constitution provides that:

"Section 1. The Grand Master, between Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, shall exercise all its executive powers, except the granting of Charters, all its judicial powers, and such legislative powers as may provide needed legislation that shall be harmoniously complementary to this Constitution. His actions are effective immediately.

² Paragraph g, Section 3, Article XXXII, Part I relating to the Grand Lodge

WHEREAS, the Grand Master has the authority to exercise generally all such powers as by ancient general masonic usage are given him by virtue of his office, which necessarily includes the exercise of careful supervision over the Craft, and to see to it that the Ancient Landmarks, the Uniform Code of By-laws, Ordinances, Edicts and Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge are obeyed.³ This power necessarily includes the power to discipline erring members of the Craft;

WHEREAS, concomitant with the above-mentioned power, the Grand Master, exercising overall supervision over the District Deputy Grand Masters, particularly that of VW Ceballos, hereby takes further immediate cognizance of this case by virtue of the aforementioned report submitted to the Office of the Grand Master;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ABRAHAM N. TOLENTINO, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby render this Judicial Pronouncement:

After a careful review of the records of this case, the indubitable fact remains that in December 2017, seven (7) petitioners were rejected by the brethren of Solidarity Masonic Lodge No. 421. However, during the stated meeting in January 2018, the brethren declared null and void said balloting on the pretext that the same was marred by an alleged violation of the Worshipful Master's Charge given before every balloting.⁴ On the other hand, Mr. Harold Bautista's petition was favorably balloted in May 2017 but again, the brethren of the lodge made a sudden turn around and declared its rejection in January 2018. Annex 3 attached to VW Millado's Answer reveals the following:

"2. The WM received some reported acts of petitioner Harold Bautista who was already elected to receive degree of Masonry, which if reported before this balloting, would reject him. Upon motion, the lodge decided that Mr. Bautista be rejected to receive degrees of Masonry in this lodge, and the WM ordered the Secretary to report the same in the MRR. It is also ordered that the degree fees in the amount of P50,000.00 be returned to Mr. Bautista;

3. The WM has received reports citing violation of the Charge in Balloting particularly Edict 83-Puno, which is incorporated in Sec. 18, Art. VI of the MLB, and now part of the new monitor. After discussion, in the exercise of the legislative power of the lodge and upon motion, VW Mendoza opposing, and by 7-1 votes (VW Millado, VW Sumabat III and Bro. Lopez inhibited) in the affirmative, the balloting held in December 2017 was declared

³ Paragraph a, Section 3, Article IX, Part I, Masonic Law Book

null and void and the same be stricken from the minutes.”⁵

The ceremony attending the casting of a ballot is equivalent to a sacred promise to cast it in accordance with a Master Mason's obligation. One of the important privileges of a Mason is that of accepting or rejecting all who may apply for the degrees in masonry. This is not to be trifled upon. In fact, once a ballot is cast and the result declared, there shall be no discussion of the same. Thus:

“Sec. 21. There shall be no discussion regarding an unfavorable ballot, and no member of a lodge shall be required, requested or allowed to divulge his vote upon a ballot for affiliation or for the degrees of Masonry, nor to assign errors for such vote, if it be known, except to the Master for the purpose of correcting a mistake.”⁶

From the foregoing, the act of VW Millado in his capacity as Worshipful Master of Solidarity Masonic Lodge No. 421 to allow the discussion on the unfavorable ballot received by the seven (7) petitioners is a **violation of the above provision of our Masonic law**. This is a charge that he himself transgressed. One of the characteristics of a masonic balloting is that it be unanimous in order to preserve peace and harmony inside the lodge. **A ballot, whether favorable or unfavorable, must be respected**. A brother Mason cannot be called to account for a vote that he has casted. VW Millado did the opposite thing. He abetted and incited conflict in his lodge when he allowed the discussion of the unfavorable balloting held in December 2017 involving the seven (7) petitioners. It is the sacred duty of the Worshipful Master to check any rising discussion on the subject and halt further discourse or deliberation on the same. By expressing that VW Mendoza may have casted a black ball, VW Millado impaired the inviolability and secrecy of the ballot. Worse, one (1) of the Petitioners therein was his son, Joseph Frederick J. Millado. Clearly, VW Millado acted with malice and bad faith when he discussed the balloting of the seven (7) Petitioners, allowed and abetted the nullification of the same including that of his son. One can only surmise that he took advantage of his position as Worshipful Master in favor of his son.

If there is truth to his accusation that VW Mendoza made threatening remarks that he would reject the petitions of the sons of Masons, then the most prudent and proper thing to do for VW Millado, in his capacity as Worshipful Master of his lodge, is to direct the investigation of VW Mendoza and not to arbitrarily utilize an unsubstantiated accusation as basis for a grossly improper and unmasonic act of discussing an unfavorable ballot and thereafter nullifying the same without just cause.

During the meeting in January 2018, the lodge, led by VW Millado, unlawfully

⁵ Page 3, Minutes of the Transaction of Business for January 23, 2018

⁶ Supra.

and illicitly wiped off from the minutes the fact that a balloting transpired in December 2017. In effect, the minutes, attested to be correct by the Worshipful Master, made it appear that no balloting occurred in December 2017. This is a clear case of falsification by making untruthful statements in a narration of facts. VW Millado, as Worshipful Master, arbitrarily ordered that the existence of the balloting in December 2017 be stricken off the record making it appear that no such proceeding transpired over and above the objection of VW Mendoza. VW Millado, as discussed above, acted with malice in ordering the same, to the damage and prejudice of VW Mendoza and other brethren.

Our Masonic law provides for the proper procedure before an election of a Petitioner can be reversed and set aside. Our Ordinances provide *"if objection is made after the election and before initiation, the petitioner shall not receive the degree until such objection shall have been withdrawn, and such objection shall, unless withdrawn within sixty (60) days, have the effect of a rejection by ballot and shall be so reported to the Grand Secretary. Whenever any such objection be made, the Master shall report the fact at the next stated meeting of the lodge and the sixty (60) day period specified herein shall commence to run at the date of such meeting."*⁷

In this particular case, Mr. Bautista was elected to receive the degrees of Masonry in May 2017. VW Millado, as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, reported to the brethren the alleged violation of Bautista's election on January 23, 2018. Following the procedure laid down by the Grand Lodge, any objection to Bautista's election would be considered a rejection by ballot sixty (60) days after the objection is tackled in the stated meeting. Assuming that VW Millado reported such fact to the brethren in January 2018, Bautista's election would have been considered rejected in March 2018. Therefore, Bautista's rejection in January 2018 by VW Millado is premature. Be that as it may, the objection of the brethren has been registered already, the same having not withdrawn up to this time. Hence, Bautista's petition is considered rejected by ballot. This notwithstanding, he can still resort to other measures as provided for under our masonic laws, if he so desires to continue with his petition.

Concerning the expulsion of VW Mendoza from the lodge, the Grand Master hereby declares the same to be null and void, the same to be expunged from his records with the Grand Lodge. The lodge has no jurisdiction to try VW Mendoza as he is a Past Appointive Grand Lodge Officer, However, let it be known that the above disquisition is without prejudice to the Grand Master asserting his inherent power of supervision over the Craft and to enforce compliance with the Ancient Landmarks, Constitution, the Uniform Code of By-laws, Ordinances, Edicts and Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.⁸

As regard disrespecting a District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM), the alter ego

⁷ Section 24, *supra*.

⁸ Paragraph a, Section 3, *supra*.

of the Grand Master in the concerned Masonic District, the same is considered disrespect to the Grand Master. VW Gerald Ceballos, DDGM of NCR-F's presence in the subject stated meeting of Solidarity Masonic Lodge No. 421 is in pursuance of his visitorial power granted by our Constitution. He has the power to examine and correct the works of a lodge and if proper, call the attention of the Worshipful Master. The DDGM was unceremoniously made to sit down and the gavel banged to silence him. This act of VW Millado is an utter disregard and showed lack of reverence to the Office of the Grand Master, which the DDGM represents. VW Millado made an oath and promise that he will ***"pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed; and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge, or general assembly of Masons, that is not subversive of the principles and ground-work of Masonry."***⁹ The pertinent portion of the article on Masonic Etiquette by J. Kirk Nicholson, Jr., PGM, Grand Lodge of Georgia is hereby quoted as follows:

"A number of the niceties of Masonic etiquette deal with the reception of, and respect due to, the Grand Master. The man chosen to lead the Masons in a Jurisdiction has the distinction of being in a position peculiar to the Masonic fraternity. In no other organization is there such an authoritarian figure. In the broadest terms, he is the representative of King Solomon, and as such, there devolves upon him the rights, privileges, respect and power usually reserved for royalty.

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*The responsibility of the Worshipful Master and every Freemason is to maintain toward the Craft and toward the Grand Master a respectful attitude, not for the sake of the man in that high office, but for the maintenance of its supreme importance. Whether a man is personally liked or disliked . . . the office of Grand Master should always be held in high regard."*¹⁰

VW Millado, in an attempt to evade liability, contends that he was not an active participant in the proceedings but merely presided over the stated meetings that (1) nullified the balloting; (2) expelled VW Mendoza, and (3) removed and eradicated from the minutes the fact of balloting, were all fueled by the respective motions of the brethren. The Grand Master is not persuaded. A Worshipful Master is vested with considerable powers. The Master has the right not only to preside over his lodge but also control the flow of business in every meeting. The gavel which is a tool of the

⁹ Ancient Charge No. 10

¹⁰ As cited in SGL Bulletin-2018, March 25, 2018 by VW Marcus Antonius T. Andaya

Master is the symbol of his authority and the emblem of power. It may be used for great good or for greater evil. Sadly, VW Millado's use of the gavel was tainted with abuse, harassment and oppression and without regard to Masonic laws, rules and regulations, the very laws he swore to abide when he was installed as Master.

He cannot also feign ignorance of Masonic laws. The Respondent, being a past DDGM and PJGL is presumed to have a good grasp of basic Masonic laws and procedure not to mention the fact that he is a lawyer by profession.

With regard to the charge that VW Millado is not proficient in the third degree of Masonry, the Grand Master finds the same to be of merit. It is the contention of VW Millado that he had his proficiency examination as Master Mason at Arcadio Evangelista Memorial Lodge No. 254, his Mother Lodge. Sometime in 2014, he discovered that no such record of his proficiency exists. He allegedly admitted such fact to VW Mendoza. He opines that nobody questioned his lack of proficiency when he assumed several important positions in different lodges as well as in the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master is not convinced. Our Masonic Law Book provides that every newly-raised Master Mason shall submit himself, in an open lodge, to a strict examination to demonstrate his proficiency in the Master Masons Degree not later than ninety (90) days after he is raised.¹¹ A newly-raised Master Mason who lacks the necessary proficiency in the third degree shall not: *(a) demit from his lodge; (b) hold plural membership in any other lodge; (c) be issued a Traveling Certificate; (d) hold any office in the lodge, either elective or appointive; (e) be eligible to receive other masonic degrees as in the York rite, Scottish Rite and other appendant bodies; (f) be eligible to receive the Master Mason's diploma, and (g) be qualified for Life Membership by Longevity.*¹² A review of the records of VW Millado in the Grand Lodge would reveal that indeed, there exists no record of his proficiency in the Master Mason's Degree as required by our Masonic law. However, there is no evidence on record that will prove that VW Millado willfully and deliberately hid his lack of proficiency prior to 2014, the year he discovered his lack of the said essential requirement. Nevertheless, VW Millado did not exert remedial measures to correct this deficiency after he discovered the same. He even accepted key positions in the Grand Lodge and blue lodge after 2014 as Junior Grand Lecturer, Junior Warden, Senior Warden and eventually as Worshipful Master of Solidarity Masonic Lodge No. 421. He faults other brethren for not objecting to his appointment and election to the said positions. This is untenable because it is the obligation of VW Millado to disclose his lack of proficiency considering that he had knowledge already of the same. As such, VW Millado acted with bad faith. Circular 20-Gazmin finds no application in his case because the same provides for proficiency examinations for ELECTIVE OFFICERS prior to installation. It is different from the proficiency examination required of EVERY Master Mason after he is raised.

In fine, the primary purpose of masonic discipline is to preserve the good

¹¹ Section 41 (D)Article VI, Part II Ordinances

¹² Section 44, *ibid.*

repute and integrity of our fraternity by the prosecution and punishment of an erring brother whose acts or omissions tend to injure the craft as a whole, or which have inflicted injury upon a brother mason or to any other person. It has been held that unmasonic conduct encompasses the following: (1) a violation of the moral or criminal law (i.e., those involving moral turpitude); (2) a violation of masonic obligations; (3) a violation of the charges upon installation as an officer of a Lodge; (4) a violation of the rules and regulations, usages, and customs of Masonry; (5) a violation of civil law provided it is against good public morals, or as dangerous to the life, health and good order of the community; and (6) violation of the Masonic Constitution and By-laws.

To arbitrarily and maliciously invalidate the balloting of petitioners to suit his interests, falsify the minutes of the meeting, caused the wanton and malevolent expulsion of VW Mendoza, disregarding the respect due the Grand Master and his representative, the DDGM and his lack of proficiency in the third degree, are considered serious acts constitutive of unmasonic conduct as it runs counter to our Masonic obligation, Masonic laws, Rules and Regulations, Ancient Charges and Landmarks. Further, when an act is against good public morals, or as dangerous to the life, health and good order of the community, it is an offense against Masonic law. A Worshipful Master always works for the best interest of the lodge and brethren in particular and for the fraternity in general. He should therefore learn to deal with cranky brethren and approach them in such a way as to obtain their willing cooperation. As a foremost Mason once said, "a Mason is first a gentleman. The charm of good manners, the use of politeness, the expression of gracious behavior and those amenities indicated by word and by action, which characterize you as a Mason and a Gentleman, will continually serve as an inspiring example to your Brethren. This is the code by which gentlemen of the world govern their conduct, and in Masonry it directs itself to an evident respect for the craft and a courtesy to the individual brother."¹³

For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed by the Constitution, Edicts, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations or of the By-laws of his lodge, the Master shall be subject to deprivation of office, suspension or expulsion by the Grand Master;¹⁴ Corrolarily to this, our masonic law expressly provides further that "any mason within this jurisdiction may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled for any violation of the Ancient Landmarks, Constitution, Edicts, the Ordinances, and the General Regulations of the Grand Lodge, the By-Laws of his lodge and other masonic laws."¹⁵

Premises considered, I therefore hereby find **RODIL I. MILLADO, GUILTY of UNMASONIC CONDUCT** and is therefore sentenced to suffer the penalty of **SUSPENSION** for five (5) years effective immediately. During his period of suspension

¹³Lodge Officers Manual, Masonic Education and Lodge Services, Grand Lodge of Maine, PO Box 430, 1007 Main Road, Holden, Maine 04429

¹⁴ Section 4 Article XI, Part II of the Ordinances, Masonic Law Book

¹⁵ Section 22, Article XVII, *ibid*.

Mr. Millado is no longer entitled to Masonic courtesies and privileges and is barred from participation in any Masonic activities in this Jurisdiction while he is under suspension.

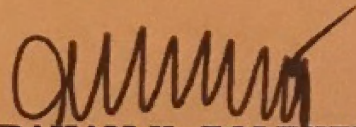
The expulsion of VW Felix Mendoza is hereby set aside.

The rejection of the petitions balloted upon by Solidarity Masonic Lodge No. 421 in the stated meeting of December 2017 is hereby upheld without prejudice to whatever remedies available to the petitioners under our masonic laws.

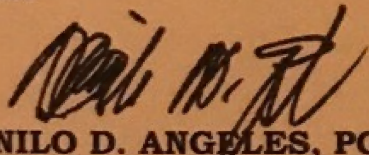
All Appendant Bodies and GLP accredited Masonic clubs and organizations are likewise furnished copies of this Pronouncement for their information and appropriate actions.

This Judicial Pronouncement shall be read in open Lodge at the Stated Meeting next following its receipt and action thereon duly recorded in the Minutes of said Stated Meeting.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines in the City of Manila this 25th day of April 2018.


ABRAHAM N. TOLENTINO
100th Grand Master

Attest


DANILO D. ANGELES, PGM
Grand Secretary